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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 26, 2004. In the Office Action, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, the Examiner initially required restriction between:

Group I (claims 1-53), said to be drawn to a corrosion inhibiting seal, classified in class 252, subclass 387; and

Group II (claims 54-119), said to be drawn to a method of making a corrosion inhibiting sealing bath, classified in class 148, subclass 425.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to have the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I (claims 1-53) examined on the merits.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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